GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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ANTI DUMPING DUTY ON RAW SILK
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from any of the State Governments especially, Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for extending the anti-dumping duty on raw silk for five more years to safeguard the interests of sericulture farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : Requests were received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal for extending the anti-dumping duty on mulberry raw silk for a further period of five years to safeguard the interests of the sericulture farmers. The Designated Authority has already initiated the review investigation to examine the need for continued imposition of anti-dumping duty as per Section 9A (5) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. In this context, it is to inform that the anti-dumping duty on mulberry raw silk has been extended till 1st January, 2009, vide Customs Notification No. 01/2008-Customs dated 1st January, 2008, consequent upon initiation of a sunset review investigation of the antidumping duty by the Designated Authority, vide notification No. 15/12/2007- DGAD dated the 14th December, 2007.